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E 5425 / 48 / G		Suspect shipping: "Lee Sang"	
Sir R. Campbell Cairo 1404 Dated 19 June Received 23 June		Rpt's Cairo to E to Alexandria Re: "Lee Sang" is no longer suspect.	
Last Paper. E5421		(Minutes.) M.I. 5 have confirmed this. I submit draft telegram accordingly.	
References. E4811/48/G E3450/13/G		J.B. June 23 (T. & CABLE) 23/6	
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24) Chanery Cairo from E. Dept 7th July		J.B. 3/7	
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Sir R. Campbell  
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19th June

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23 JUN 1947

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1

FROM CAIRO TO ALEXANDRIA

Sir R. Campbell  
No. 4

D. 7.20 p.m. 19th June, 1947.

19th June, 1947.

R. 2.30 a.m. 20th June, 1947.

Repeated to : FOREIGN OFFICE NO. 1404  
Port Said )  
Suez ) SAVING

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Your despatch No. <sup>N.T.</sup> 21 and your letter No. <sup>N.T.</sup> 32/10/1  
June 17th.

As vessel "Lee Sang" does not appear in M.I.5 weekly report No. 5, copy of which was sent you under cover of my despatch No. 18, June 12th, it is presumed that it is no longer suspected of being involved in Jewish illegal immigration traffic to Palestine.

2. Will Foreign Office please confirm that this interpretation is correct (see Foreign Office telegram No. 1081 <sup>E/S</sup> to Rome).

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAIRO.

No. 1210

23rd June 1947.

D. 3.35 p.m. 24th June 1947.

Repeated to Alexandria No. 10.

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Your telegram No. 4 to Alexandria [of 19th June: illegal immigrant ship "Lee Sang"].

I confirm that "Lee Sang" is no longer suspect on information available here.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO.

27th June, 1947.

112/44/47.

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Dear Department,

Your telegram No. 1210 of June 23rd, about the illegal Jewish immigrants.

May we take it that the particular ruling regarding the vessel "Lee Sang" has a general application in the sense that instructions contained in your telegram No. 1061 to Rome relate only to ships which appear on the latest M.I. 5 report available and that earlier lists may be disregarded?

Yours ever,

*Mr. Spearhead*

The Eastern Department,  
FOREIGN OFFICE,  
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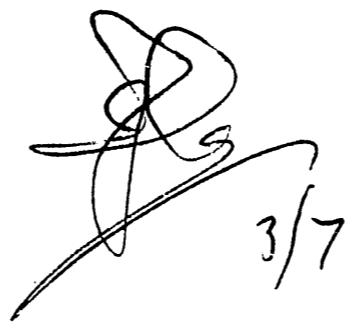
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Dear Blaney,

In your letter no 112/44/47  
of the 27<sup>th</sup> June, you asked  
whether ships included in the  
Weekly list of suspect shipping  
but omitted from subsequent  
issues could be regarded as no  
longer suspect.

2. Each list is complete  
in itself and supersedes its  
predecessor, so that your interpretation  
is quite correct. ~~If however you  
obtain any information from local  
sources which suggests that  
we have removed a ship from  
the list without sufficient reason,~~

Yours ever  
Eastern Dept.

  
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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel. D. 9.58. p.m. June 23rd, 1947.

No. 3592.

June 23rd, 1947. R. 4.07. a.m. June 24th, 1947.

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Your telegram 6169.

Advertisements in United States press in support of Palestine terrorists.

Villard regrets that all he can say at the moment is that the State Department are continuing to pursue the matter energetically, he hinted privately that the Department of Justice were proving more co-operative than the Treasury. He also said that a study was being made of similar activities in support of the Sinn Fein movement in Ireland after the first world war, and indicated that useful precedents had been found.

2. State Department promise to inform us as soon as definite conclusions have been reached. We shall continue to remind them of the importance which you attach to the matter.

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Marseille 85		Reports that President Warfield has obtained seaworthy certificate for the Black Sea.			
Dated 23 June Received 25 June		(via Marseille 64 to Paris)			
Last Paper. E5481		(Minutes.) Does this mean that she is still restricted to coastwise sailing while in the Mediterranean? I think we should ask Marseille to clarify this point.			
References. E5239/48/C		<p style="text-align: right;"> <i>[Signature]</i>        (S.E. CROWE)        25/6        Draft to J.B. June 25     </p>			
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FROM MARSEILLES TO PARIS

His Majesty's Consul-General  
No. 64                      D. 6.45 p.m.    June 23rd, 1947.  
June 25rd, 1947.            R. 12.55 a.m.   June 24th, 1947.

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Jewish immigration.

French authorities advise that President Warfield has obtained a seaworthy certificate for the Black Sea and permission has been given to sail in ballast. I have informed H.M.S. Bris.... and I shall report departure in due course.

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Dated. *June 25<sup>th</sup>*

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Departmental No. 2

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June, 1947.

*✓* Despatched *9:5 p.m.*

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Your telegram No. 64 [of June 23rd: Jewish illegal immigration].

Please clarify the exact nature of the certificate granted to the "President Warfield". I trust that ship is still limited to coastwise traffic *while in the Mediterranean* (see my telegram No. 1067 to Paris).

2. Agents of "Aegean Star" (my telegram No. 71) report that Shell have refused bunkers to this ship and have represented to us that she is to take part in bona fide luxury traffic between Marseilles, Greece and Egypt. We are prepared to clear this ship of suspicion, provided you *consider* ~~satisfy yourself~~ that she is genuinely fitted for first-class traffic and is too valuable for the owners to risk confiscation as a result of taking part in illegal

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MARSEILLES

No:75

D.9.05 p.m. 25th June 1947

25th June 1947

Repeated to Paris No:1200

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My telegram no. 75 [of 25<sup>th</sup> June: Jewish illegal immigration]

Lloyd's surveyors inspected "AEGEAN STAR" at ANTWERP and reported that she had a maximum of uncomfortable passenger accommodation. This makes her advertised description as a "paquebot de luxe" distinctly suspect.

*[Signature]*  
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Marseilles telegram No. 64 [of June 23rd: Jewish illegal immigration].

I understand that the "President Warfield" received 315 tons of oil bunkers from the French firm Compagnie Française de Raffinage la Mede. This is most unfortunate, as it will give the ship a wide radius of action and it will considerably embarrass us in our efforts to control her if she leaves French waters. You should raise this question of bunkering again with the French authorities and endeavour to secure an official or unofficial arrangement by which such highly suspect ships are denied these facilities.

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3. Personal letter from the Secretary of State to M. Bidault, on general situation but also referring to "President Warfield", will reach you by bag tomorrow for signature by the Secretary of State. Will you please report the latest position in regard to this ship to the Secretary of State in case he should/

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[Seen by Mr. Gamm]

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D.3.50 p.m. 27th June 1947

27th June 1947  
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[Seen by Mr Gavvan].

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E5500 / 48 / 9	ss. "President Warfield"	
Mr. Crossley Paris both Beth dated 23 June Received 25 June	Report's action taken with regard to request that French warship should shadow the "President Warfield" if she was not held at Port de Bone.	
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25 June 1947. 23rd June, 1947.

*My dear John,*

I write to let you know what happened on our request that the French should provide a warship to shadow the President Warfield in the event of the French authorities proving unable to hold her at Port de Bouc, which we hoped would not be the case, until the Brissenden could take over.

You will remember that I asked M. Vasse to attempt to arrange this on the morning of 18th June, and I immediately sent him a letter confirming the request and giving him all the information we had about the vessel.

Vasse 'phoned back just before lunch to tell me that after consultation with M. Anduze Paris, the head of the French Merchant Marine, he thought the quickest results would be achieved if the Embassy got in touch with the French naval authorities direct while the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would lend all possible support. Our Naval Attaché therefore took the matter up with the Ministère de la Marine immediately after lunch.

That evening John Coulson was in M. Bousquet's office when someone, who he thinks may have been M. Chauvel, rang up obviously quite irate and complained about the Embassy having gone direct to the Ministère de la Marine instead of through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. John Coulson then had of course to tell M. Bousquet that we had done this at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was of course already on record in my letter of that date to M. Vasse, which was copied to you.

The post scriptum to that letter tells you of the subsequent development, that is to say that the Ministère de la Marine said that though they were anxious to help us they would have to receive instructions from the Présidence du Conseil, and Vasse undertook to try to lay this on.

By this time the whole of the day had elapsed and Vasse had to start trying to catch Bousquet the following morning. This he was only able to do just before lunch time, when Bousquet dictated an immediate minute to M. Bidault on the basis of my letter of the 18th June to Vasse.

Since that time we have had no further response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and in any event the Brissenden has of course arrived at Marseilles. I am told, however, by Vasse, who requests that the information be treated as most confidential, that the proposal met with considerable opposition among M. Bidault's cabinet colleagues. M. Vasse at an earlier stage suggested to me that the action of the Italian Government in providing an escort was scarcely comparable to our present request since we were still to a certain extent able to give orders to the Italian government. I do not know to what extent this view prevailed among the Ministers. M. Bousquet had, however, anticipated this opposition to our request on the evening of the 18th, when he told John Coulson that he thought it/

J.G.S. Beith Esq.,  
Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office, S.W.1.

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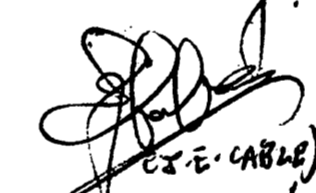
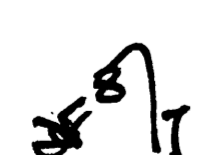
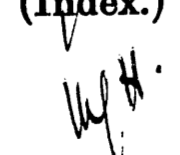
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<b>E5513/48/9</b>  Chancery Bucharest to E Dept 74/24/47 Dated 11 June Received 26 June	Jewish immigration to Palestine from Roumania  Reports controversial between Moderate and Extreme Zionists in Roumania.	
Last Paper. <b>E5502</b>	(Minutes.) Para. 3 might be of use in subduing U.S. enthusiasts for the A.J.D.C. and for the Zionist cause in general. From our point of view, however, the Russians appear to exerting an influence which, doubtless quite involuntarily, is rather helpful. I submit draft to Washington Chancery.  30/6	
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~~If they could be made to  
believe that their dollars would  
fall into Communist hands~~

Yours ever  
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OUT FILE 1st July, 1947.

Dear Chancery,

Will you please refer to our letter  
No. E 3612/48/31 of the 19th May about Communist  
infiltration into the A.J.D.C. in Roumania.

2. We have now received a further letter from  
Bucharest Chancery on this subject and enclose a copy  
herein. This suggests that henceforward the new  
Communist members of the District Committees will to  
a great extent control the expenditure of the A.J.D.C.'s  
monthly donations.

3. This information might well have a deterrent  
effect on American supporters of the A.J.D.C.

Yours ever,

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,  
British Embassy,  
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FROM

L. E. Ellison

No.

Panama

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Illegal Immigration

Refer Telegrams of 24/6/47 (E 45514/48/31)  
Gives list of conversation with Panamanian  
Minister re Illegal Immigration, especially  
with regard to Panamanian Registry of  
suspect ships and conditions under which  
same shall be controlled

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June 26

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BRITISH LEGATION,  
PANAMA.

June 9th 1947

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Dear Eastern Department,

I have just had an interesting talk with the Panamanian Minister for Foreign Affairs about illegal immigration into Palestine, with special reference to the use of Panamanian ships.

In the course of it I took the opportunity of mentioning the line taken by the Hondurean Government as reported in Tegucigalpa Despatch No. 39 of 14th May to the Foreign Office. The result, though not as good as one might have hoped, was I think as good as could be expected considering his present preoccupation with local politics, and the violent reactions which can easily be aroused by any hint of subservience to a European power.

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As regards the right of search, he was unwilling, at least without further study, to give us what in effect amounted to an unrestricted right of search of all Panamanian ships in the Mediterranean. If actual proof were found, there was no objection to our arresting the ship, and they would cancel her registration. I did not pursue the point (on which his lawyer's instinct was obviously aroused), except to point out that actual proof was very difficult to obtain without search. He then said that, while right of search was a question of International Law, cancellation of Panamanian registration was an administrative matter within the discretion of the Panamanian Government, and they would act immediately on strong presumptive evidence, even if it were not sufficient to convince a court of law.

For instance, he thought that, if a suspect Panamanian ship, having cleared from a port outside the Mediterranean nominally for a port in America, subsequently passed through the Straits of Gibraltar, that fact alone would justify them in cancelling her registration, thus leaving us free to do what we liked with her.

I felt throughout that Dr. Alfaro was trying to be helpful and constructive; though it must be remembered that the people who make money out of the ship-registering racket have much political influence.

I purposely kept the conversation on the level of a friendly chat, but I think you may be glad to have this report on it.

Yours ever,

*R. Eldon Ellis*

Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

2nd July, 1947.

(E. 5514/48/31)

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Dear Ellison,

Many thanks for your secret letter No. 39/176/47 of the 9th June regarding a conversation with the Panamanian Minister for Foreign Affairs about Jewish illegal immigration.

The Panamanian Consul-General in London is ~~being~~ very cooperative in this matter and we are glad to hear that the Minister for Foreign Affairs is himself willing to help so far as possible. We are sending a copy of your letter to the interested Departments and, subject to any observations they may have, we entirely agree with the line you took as reported in paragraph 3 of your letter. The Panamanian offer to permit us to arrest a ship on proof of her complicity in the traffic is unfortunately not of much use, since, in the nature of things, we have to act on suspicion, and besides, for your information, it has been decided at a high level that even if we have the consent of the flag State (and we have received it in the case of Honduras), we should not arrest ships on the high seas and divert them direct to Cyprus with their load of illegal immigrants.

At present the Panamanian authorities can best help us by (a) cancelling registration in cases where this is likely to hinder the ship's movements or (b) holding up the ship by administrative means, without cancelling registration, according as we may request them.

Yours ever,

Eastern Department.

R. E. Ellison, Esq.,  
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FROM GENOA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul General.  
No. 30

23rd June, 1947. D. 5. 05 p.m. 23rd June, 1947.  
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Your telegram No. 42. E4559/24/31

Harbour Master states that no physical precautions possible but all port authorities informed that vessel under arrest. Clandestine sailing possible but unlikely at present as only limited crew on board. Neill states that watchman appointed by tribunal can be applied for but expenditure may be heavy.

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Anti, 'Ben Mecht' article.  
 Enclosed extract from New York Times  
 in which 'American Jewish Committee' and  
 Jewish Labour Committee repudiate recent  
 pro-Zionist advertisements published by  
 'Ben Mecht' for 'Commonwealth League for  
 Free Palestine.'

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**HECHT VIEWS DECRIED  
BY 2 JEWISH GROUPS**

**TIMES JUN 5 1947**

The American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labor Committee issued a statement yesterday deploring the recent publication of advertisements in behalf of the Palestine resistance movement by a group sponsored by Ben Hecht, the writer.

"A grave misunderstanding has been created in the minds of some Americans by widely published advertisements, signed by Ben Hecht, co-chairman, American League for Free Palestine, in behalf of the so-called 'Palestine Resistance Fund,'" the statement said.

"These advertisements purport to speak for 'the Jews of America,' who are represented as approving the Palestine terrorism."

"These advertisements erroneously represent the only opposition to Palestinian terrorism as coming from a small group of 'respectable and wealthy Jewish personalities.' The undersigned Jewish organizations repudiate this Hecht announcement as being completely unrepresentative of general Jewish sentiment in the United States and as emanating from a small group which speaks for itself alone.

"Responsible Jewish organizations, while unceasing in their efforts to undo the evil consequences

of the British White Paper policy in Palestine, condemn terrorism and are appalled at the publication of such statements as are contained in the above-mentioned advertisement.

"Terrorism is hostile to the spirit of Jewish religion and tradition."

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JOSEPH M. PROSKAUER, President  
JACOB BLAUSTEIN, Chairman, Executive Committee

DAVID SHER, Chairman, Administrative Committee  
JOHN SLAWSON, Executive Vice President

FOR RELEASE THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 5

HECHT PRO-TERRORIST ADVERTISEMENTS REPUDIATED  
BY AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AND JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE

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A joint statement repudiating pro-Palestine terrorist advertisements recently published by Ben Hecht for the "American League for Free Palestine," was issued yesterday by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Labor Committee.

The statement deplores the misunderstanding created in the minds of some Americans by these advertisements which purported erroneously to speak for "the Jews of America" in endorsing the Palestine terrorists. The Hecht group is characterized in the joint statement as "being completely unrepresentative of general Jewish sentiment in the United States" and as being "a small group which speaks for itself alone."

Responsible Jewish organizations, while endeavoring to undo the "evil consequences" of the British White Paper policy in Palestine, at the same time condemn terrorism as hostile to the spirit of Jewish religion and tradition, the statement says.

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"The cause of the Jews is identified everywhere and at all times with peace, mutual understanding and the orderly processes of law. Terrorism is hostile to the spirit of Jewish religion and tradition."

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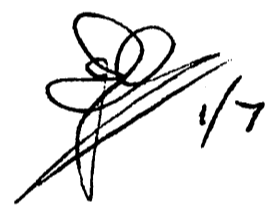
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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel  
No: 5506

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24th June 1947

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My telegram No: 5506 last paragraph.

Jewish Illegal Immigration.

I have received a letter from my Greek colleague conveying the assurance that the Greek Embassy will deny facilities or assistance to Pandelis.

Please pass Saving to Paris as my telegram No: 150.

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 Mr. Steudale  
 Bureau  
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 Dated 23 June  
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Illegal immigration: Orenstein  
 Request's repetition of telegram to  
 Prague for further information  
 regarding Orenstein.

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 We have no p.p. or information on  
 this. Are there any p.p. with  
 P.C.D.  
 We have trace of a Marcus  
 Orenstein who in 1945 was  
 permitted to come to the U.K. as  
 representative of the Palestinian daily  
 newspaper "Mischmar". He attended  
 the Zionist Conference in Prague on  
 behalf of the National Assembly  
 Conference in Nov. 1945. We have no  
 evidence that he is connected with  
 illegal immigration - MJeffed  
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await Prague's reply  
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15 AUG 1947 BOX No. 500.  
PARLIAMENT STREET B.O., 47

Telephone Nos.  
REGENT 6050.  
WHITEHALL 6789.

LONDON, S.W.1.

30th July, 1947.

O.F.85/11/B.3.a/DJS.

Dear Cable,

I return herewith your three folders on Marcus  
ORENSTEIN.

According to our records, ORENSTEIN is a prominent  
Palestinian trade unionist, a member of the left-wing  
political group HASHOMER HATZAIR, and has in the past  
acted as a correspondent of the Palestine newspaper  
MISHMAR.

We have no evidence connecting him with illegal  
immigration.

Yours sincerely,

*D.J. Scherr*

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J.E. Cable, Esq.,  
Foreign Office.

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 No. 6024802.  
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*Ulligul Yammgrolia*  
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 Report from - Director Danish Alij. Let.  
 SAN EUSARIO - not to be allowed clearance  
 until Spanish authorities are satisfied with  
 their investigation of report of  
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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
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24th June, 1947.

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No. 213.  
(G170/26/47)

Sir,

With reference to our despatch No. 194 of 4th June, 1947, I have the honour to report that today the Director of the Danish Foreign Ministry informed me, in reply to my enquiries, that, subject only to the confirmation of the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Commerce had instructed the Danish Customs authorities that the steamer "San Eusebio" was not to be allowed clearance until the Danish authorities were satisfied that it had a satisfactory certificate of ownership, also of seaworthiness, and that all the provisions of international loadline regulations were being complied with; finally that the Danish authorities should be allowed to inspect the ship thoroughly. With all these measures the Danish Government hope to be able to delay, by perfectly defensible legal measures, the departure of the vessel indefinitely.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

*A.W.G. Russell*

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,  
Foreign Office.

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Embassy extracts from report of conversation  
held in May between 2<sup>nd</sup> Highcom and  
Embassy Vero Office on subject of  
Jewish Illegal Immigration.

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This is a very interesting report. I agree  
with Rome & Bureau's conclusion (in their para. 8)  
that our most effective policy would be  
to concentrate on preventing the movement  
of Jews either into or out of Italy.  
It would seem a hopeless task to secure  
proper control over the thousands of Jews  
now in Italy, though small improvements  
can doubtless be effected in certain respects.  
Refugee Dept. inform me, for instance,  
that I.R.O. propose to institute proper  
identity cards for D.P.s with fingerprints  
and photographs. The organizers of illegal  
immigration are so firmly established,  
however, that any ~~substantial~~ substantial  
improvement seems unlikely in the near future.  
The best we can hope for is to seal  
off Italy as a sort of reservoir, whose  
final draining must await the solution  
of the problem of Palestine as a whole.

Western Dept. (Italian Section) 27/7.  
Refugee Dept.  
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I think that Mr. Edmonds should see this report with especial reference to the letter from Turin. While I agree that we should continue to press for stronger control over the entry and exit of Jews in Italy, I think that it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that IRO itself may take stricter measures to control the passage of Jews into and out of camps. It might be useful if IRO could be pressed to institute a Security Division to prevent the abuse of IRO facilities.

Arthur Hillman 7/7

SI  
Mr. Edmonds

I agree. C. B. [unclear] 7/7

The various things we can do, strengthening frontier control on both sides of the boundary, queering up the Gestapo, pressing I.R.O. to institute a proper system of identity cards (with photo & thumb-prints) and to select their personnel with care are not mutually exclusive. We should press on with them all; the cumulative effect may be appreciable. I have taken a look of the contents of the Turin letter with a view to removing the representation made by Sir V. Kallet to Mr. Altomonte on the occasion of his recent visit (Mr. Altomonte was quite receptive).

Refugee Section again.  
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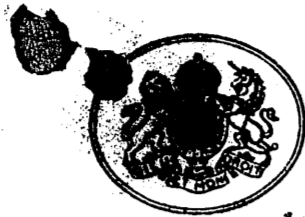
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Dear Department,

We enclose extracts from reports of conversations held last month between Dr. Migliore, head of the Aliens Department of the Ministry of the Interior, and our Assistant Visa Officer and a subsequent conversation between Dr. Migliore and our Visa Officer, both on the subject of Jewish illegal immigration.

2. These reports are interesting, in the first place as evidence of the general attitude towards illegal Jewish activities of the Italian official who has to deal with them, and secondly in connection with the Ministry of the Interior's project, sponsored by Dr. Migliore, to segregate illegal Jewish frontier-crossers on an Italian island.

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3. The first report should be read against our comment that Dr. Migliore's remarks contain a good deal of special pleading (you will have gathered from our telegrams that Italian incompetence and venality play a large part in this business). Also we think Dr. Migliore's idea of a mass meeting of the three Ambassadors etc. is a non-starter - the United States Embassy here run away hard whenever the word Jew is said and the French are certainly not going to get involved. As regards the Ustica scheme, it was the intention of the Ministry of the Interior to deal in this way with all unwanted aliens, who were rounded up in the course of the recent census of aliens, which has now been completed. A small number of refugees of various nationalities, including some refractory Jews according to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, (see paragraph 2 of Rome telegram No. 1294) have in fact already been concentrated as a result of the census in the Lipari islands. The Island of Ustica is meanwhile being reserved especially for future Jewish illegal entrants.

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4. The segregation of such immigrants is in line with the Italian Government's policy regarding the problem of Jewish refugees, which was expressed to us in a memorandum dated 1st April and summarised for you in Rome telegram No. 757. Although as mentioned above a few Jews have apparently already been concentrated in the Lipari islands, it cannot be said that the Italian Government have yet gone very far towards implementing this policy. As far as we can ascertain, the position of the "Hachsharoths" has not been regularised (in Soviet parlance the "springboards" of illegal immigration), American Joint Distribution Committee go on as usual, and Jews receiving outside assistance from U.N.R.R.A. have not been obliged to enter camps. There is no doubt that most of the illegal entrants in recent months have not so far been rounded up by the Italian Police. On the contrary many have undoubtedly been admitted to U.N.R.R.A. camps, thus filling gaps created by illegal emigration. In some respects the recently completed registration of aliens, which was intended to enable the Italian authorities to check on numbers and to control the movement of refugees, has even proved of assistance to the organisers of illegal Jewish traffic by creating a black market in identity documents. Detailed evidence of the way this black market is working and of how the registration of aliens has been turned to advantage by Zionist organisations is contained

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in a letter dated 7th May from the British Consul at Turin, a copy of which is also enclosed. Dr. Migliore himself admitted recently to the Visa Officer that permessi di soggiorno had been bought for as much as 20,000 lire.

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5. The statements by U.N.R.R.A. officials which Dr. Migliore mentioned to the effect that illegal entrants will in future be refused admission to camps must be read in conjunction with the comments in Rome telegram No. 1282 from which you will have realised how little the reality of camp administration corresponds with public declarations of policy by higher U.N.R.R.A. officials. Moreover the policy of refusing admission to U.N.R.R.A. camps to illegal entrants appears to have been modified in more recent statements by U.N.R.R.A. officials, repeated confidentially by Dr. Migliore to the Visa Officer, from which it emerges that illegal entrants would be accepted in U.N.R.R.A. camps as and when vacancies are created by the departure of other Jewish refugees. This would mean little improvement on the present situation, in which although there is a constant flow of Jews in transit through Italy, the population in U.N.R.R.A. camps remains constant, since the number of illegal entrants is roughly in proportion to the numbers who illegally emigrate. It must also be remembered that the Italian Government's stated policy is to allow illegal entrants segregated in Italian camps to receive assistance from U.N.R.R.A. and the American Joint Distribution Committee. Indeed the Italian Government would find it difficult to justify the expense of feeding these refugees themselves, when these organisations were ready to do it for them. We assume there is no likelihood of either the United Nations or H.M.G. giving any guarantee to take these people off the Italians' hands, as Dr. Migliore suggested. (See paragraph 1 of the enclosed report dated 30th May). In such conditions the camp which Dr. Migliore proposes to establish for illegal entrants will be little better than an annexe to existing camps maintained by U.N.R.R.A., and the expedient of segregating future arrivals will be a somewhat ineffective palliative for this illegal traffic. Moreover, apart from U.N.R.R.A. policy, the truth is that public opinion, especially in the United States, would never allow the Italians to establish a concentration camp for Jews administered with the degree of severity necessary to prevent escapes. This is clearly appreciated by higher officials of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and in spite of Dr. Migliore's enthusiasm for the Ustica scheme, these officials remain sceptical.

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7. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs are in fact sceptical of the Italian government's being able to establish any very effective internal control over the movement and activities of Jews as long as the present U.N.R.R.A. régime remains in force. We cannot of course accept the presence of U.N.R.R.A. as a satisfactory excuse for Italians' failure in this direction, and the blame must partly lie with the weakness and corruption of Italian officialdom. But whatever the causes, the situation described in my telegram No. 1117 of the 16th May is likely to remain symptomatic, and while we can continue to press the Italian authorities to continue to exercise proper Police control over Jewish refugees and can give discreet encouragement to such schemes as Dr. Migliore's, we are convinced that our only profitable course as emphasised in Rome telegram No. is to try and ensure that a clean break is made with the past when the International Refugee Organisation takes over from U.N.R.R.A. It is worth reporting because so rarely can an American official be induced to talk about Jews - that a First Secretary at the United States Embassy recently said to

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Extract from report of a conversation between Mr. Lee  
and Dr. Migliore on the 8th May, 1947.

(1) Firstly, he was at pains to assure me that there was not lack of desire either on his part or on that of any Italian authority not to assist actively in clearing up the refugee problem as a whole and the Jewish problem in particular, and that everything which he himself could possibly do in issuing the necessary instructions to such police officials as were at his disposal had already been done, even to the extent of telling the frontier guards on the Austrian frontier to shoot to kill if necessary. The problem was, however, no longer a question of stopping a few clandestine frontier crossers here, or holding up a ship there: it was part, and a large one at that, of the whole Jewish world problem, and as such Migliore was of the opinion that it would remain insoluble at his level unless a policy decision was reached at governmental level or until such time as the Italian people themselves took the law into their own hands and a wave of anti-Semitism and all that it entails came about in Italy in the same way as happened in Germany and Poland; he was beginning to notice the first signs. At this point he digressed to say that prior to the war there was no Jewish problem in Italy and that such Jews as there were had so inter-married and had lived for such a long time in the country that they had become an integral part of Italian life (I have also heard this view expressed in private conversation during my three years in Rome). It was only since the arrival of the Allies that the present Jewish problem had arisen and it had been allowed to arise by the Allies (no doubt from humanitarian motives) and not by the Italians, who were in no position to control the influx of unwanted refugees. It was the Allies and the Allies alone who turned Italy into a dumping ground for refugees and it was Allied organisations who had continued to feed or allow refugees into the country and look after them after clandestine entry, e.g. in U.N.R.R.A. camps where they were rehabilitated and continued to be maintained in the country instead of being moved on elsewhere. U.N.R.R.A. was going and was leaving behind (for the International Refugee Organisation or who ever took over), in camps, some 40,000 Jews (apart from the odd 1,000,000 who, according to Italian reports, were on the move from German and Austrian camps towards Italy). To date some 7,000 Jews of the thousands who had used Italy as a retreat (had first arrived clandestinely, thereafter been looked after in U.N.R.R.A. camps and then been given subsistence outside the camps), had now been absorbed into Italian life and because they had "got going" had, during the recent aliens registration, been given "Permessi di Soggiorno"; Migliore commented that no doubt in three years' time a considerable number of these 7,000 fundamentally unwanted members of the population would be in positions similar to that of a certain GUTTMAN (a Jew who three years' ago arrived penniless and after direct approach to the Italians was given permission to stay and is now worth Lit. 45,000,000); Migliore added "it is not difficult to guess by what means that money was acquired".

(2) Thus, while the Italians appreciate the interest which the English have in controlling Jewish immigration from Italy in relation to their troubles in Palestine, and wish to liquidate it from their own point of view, the Italian authorities start from the premise that the problem is of allied and not Italian making; from their point of view it is therefore not use asking them to liquidate the problem unless at the same time the Allies give some constructive guarantee

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that in return for Italian help the individuals who comprise the problem should be removed out of the country. Migliore says that Italy is not now and never has been a country which has sufficient resources to maintain a large, albeit controlled, population composed of persons other than genuine residents of the country who have fallen foul of the law. As Migliore sees it, so long as the Jews are able to get into the country they will be able to get out of it until such time as the Italian authorities themselves have sufficient numbers of police to prevent the entry, at any rate; at the moment they have 65,000 Carabinieri and 32,000 Guardie di Finanza for the whole country and the myriad problems involved in policing their own people. Migliore's manner at this point suggested that if they had the money and the bodies they would physically block the northern frontiers along their entire length and if necessary have shooting matches with any authority who tried clandestinely or illegally to force unwanted persons into Italian territory. Why, Migliore asks, do not the Allied Commission authorities in Austria prevent these people leaving Austria? What use are any measures adopted in Italy, with their inadequate resources, if exit from Austria is not prevented? Admittedly the English controlled section of the Italo-Austrian frontier is better than it was, but Jews keep pouring in over the French controlled section - he mentioned the figure of 2,000 odd in the first few days of March or April; furthermore, so long as it is known in Central Europe that it is possible for refugees (a) to live and rest for a period in Italy and (b) to get out of the country, so long will replacements for those who have got away keep coming in over the northern frontiers.

(3) Migliore then went on to say that from his point of view it was quite evident that the Jewish illegal movement must be aided and abetted by other foreign powers (a few moments later he specifically named Russia) and added that it was obvious to him that the more trouble which could be caused to the British in the Middle East by present methods adopted by the Jews, the more pleased would those powers be. In any case Migliore said the organisation and tricks employed in Italy had to be seen to be believed.

(4) Migliore then returned to the point that the problem had grown to such proportions that it was now virtually beyond his control and it was useless, as a deterrent measure, to ask his help piecemeal over incidents as and when they occurred. The more concrete plan of action must be formulated by the Governments concerned, with guarantees that Italy will no longer be considered or used as a dumping ground or transit point for Jews on their way to any other place be it Palestine or North or South America. He suggested that the time had come for a full-dress meeting to be called so that the Italian attitude towards the whole problem could be expressed and recorded and recommendations as to its solution submitted; at the meeting should be present:-

- The Ambassadors of Great Britain, the United States and France.
- The Head of Allied Commission, Austria.
- The Head of U.N.R.R.A. in Italy.
- Count Sforza or Count Zoppi.
- Dott. Migliore.
- Mr. Benton.

(5) Having made this suggestion, Migliore brought up the question of Ustica (which Mr. Benton is discussing in London);

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6. Major Lloyd said to me yesterday afternoon that he was so concerned about his own personal position in unwillingly having to assist these illegal movements of Jews to Palestine that he had been thinking of resigning from U.N.R.R.A. I told him that in my opinion it would be far better for him to remain, because at least, so long as he is in charge at Rivoli, we shall be able to obtain some information as to what is going on, whereas his successor might be someone who is far less helpful.

Yours ever,

(Signed) S.C. LAWRENCE.

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5. Incidentally, Major Lloyd told me that after talking to me on the 5th instant he had another check made on returning to the camp, and found that an additional 400 had left, so that Rivoli Camp has lost 1,000 D.P.s within the last five weeks. Both Mr. Davidge and Major Lloyd consider it is most important that a proper identification for D.P.s should be instituted before I.R.O. takes over on the 1st July. Both these two camp directors have heard that the UNRRA Headquarters staff in Rome, who have been dealing with D.P.s, will probably be taken over en bloc by I.R.O. They say that none of them have any practical experience of camp administration, and that partly for this reason and partly because they are themselves mostly Jews (one of them is a Communist German Jew) they are not at all anxious to institute any proper check. They will no doubt claim that their Statistical Officer has complete data of all D.P.s in camps in Italy, but this data is mostly worthless, and some of it false, owing to the system which has been worked out for new arrivals assuming the identity of a previous D.P. who has departed for Palestine. This wholesale substitution of identity is organised by the N.I.D.P. officers (non-Italian Displaced Persons) who are appointed in all the main cities in Italy where refugees congregate, all of whom are Jews, and who have the authority to give the decision as to who is an eligible D.P. and who is not. Camp Directors cannot question the ruling of these N.I.D.P. officers. Neither Major Lloyd nor Mr. Davidge has been able to find out exactly how the orders for departure are issued to the parties who leave clandestinely and at short notice. It is obvious from the way it is run that there is a very efficient organisation at the back of these illegal departures. The Headquarters has been variously reported as being either in Paris or in Switzerland.

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